TRAVANCORE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, SUPPLEMENT.

TUESDAY 19th September 1893.

Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 3 P. M. on Saturday the 2nd September 1893.

PRESENT :—

The Dewan, ... *Presiding.*

M. R. Ry. K. Krishnaswamy Rao Avergal.
Mr. F. Watts.
Mr. T. F. Bourdillon.
M. R. Ry. P. Thanu Pillay Avergal.
M. R. Ry. N. Madhavan Tampi Avergal.
M. R. Ry. E. Rama Iyer Avergal.

The Secretary presented the papers mentioned below. As copies were previously furnished to the members, they were taken as read :—

(1) Opinion of the Rajah of Perpanad on the Bill to amend the Arms Regulation (III of 1061.)

(2) Petition from N. Ganapathy Iyen, Vakil for Ramen Govindan of Aiykadu Veedu, Chennitbalay Proverthy, Mavalikaray Taluq, praying for a declaration that Madambimars of his client's position are entitled to all the rights of a Jenmi under the Jenmi Proclamation.

Mr. Watts moved that the Bill to amend the Arms Regulation be taken into consideration.

Mr. Thanu Pillay seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved that the maximum fee leviable on applications for licenses to manufacture or sell arms and ammunition be fixed at Rs. 50.

Mr. Rama Iyer seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Watts said that, as provisional licenses for 5 months of the current year (1069) have been already issued, the law may come into force on the 1st day of Kartigay 1069 and moved that a section to that effect be added.

Mr. Thanu Pillay seconded the motion.

Carried.

The Bill as amended was read again and passed.

The consideration of the Towns' Improvement Bill was then resumed.

The motion made at the meeting of the 27th May last regarding the appointment of a Health Officer for the Towns was discussed and the section as given below was adopted.

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"49. A Medical officer may be appointed by Our Government as the Health Officer of the Town to advise the Committee on sanitary matters."

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved that the following section be added :— "Whoever, without special permission of the Committee given in writing, commences a dramatic performance or continues the same between 12 P. M. and 6 A. M. shall be punishable with fine which may extend to 100 Rs."

After some discussion, the motion was dropped.

Mr, Krishnaswamy Rao also moved that the following section be added.

"50. The Committee shall keep in their office a register of all births and deaths in the Town according to the forms (A. and B.) appended to this Regulation. They shall, with the previous sanction of Our Government, appoint a person to be Registrar of Births and Deaths."

Form A.—Births in the Town of:—

Number.	When born.	Nationality or caste.	Name if any.	Sex.	Name of father or karanaven.	Profession of father or karanaven.	Signature descriptions and residence of informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.

Form B. Deaths in the Town of—

Number	When died.	Nationality or caste.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Profession.	Cause of death.	Residence at time of death.	Residence previous to last illness.	Signature, description and residence of informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registrar.

Mr. Madhavan Tampi seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao further moved that the following section be added

"51. The Registrar shall inform himself carefully of every birth and every death which happens in his Town after the coming into operation of this Regulation, and shall register as soon as conveniently may be after the event, without fee or reward, the particulars required to be registered according to the said forms

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(A and B) respectively, touching every such birth and death as the case may be, which has not been already registered."

Mr. Madhavan Tampi seconded the motion.

Carried.

He again proposed to add a new section as follows :—

" 52. The father, karanavan, mother or guardian of every child born in the Town or in the case of his or her illness or absence, some person who was present at or in attendance during the child-birth shall, within four weeks next after the day of such birth, give or cause to be given to the Registrar of births and deaths information according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars required for the purpose of registry, touching the birth of such child."

In the course of the discussion which ensued, it was pointed out that, as the duty of giving information is cast upon several persons, any one of whom is liable to punishment in the case of default, it will be difficult to enforce the penalty, as it will always be in the power of the person charged to plead that he expected that one of the others would give the information. In these circumstances, it was urged that the duty should extend only to giving the information when required to do so by the Registrar appointed by Government.

As the result of the discussion the section modified as given below was adopted.

" 52. The father, karanavan, mother or any other relative of every child born in the Town or any person living in the house shall, when required by the Registrar, give or cause to be given to the said Registrar information according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars required for the purpose of registry touching the birth of such child."

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao also moved that the following section be added :—

" 53. Some one of the persons present at the death, or in attendance during the last illness of every person dying in the Town or, in case of the death, illness, inability or default of all such persons, some person living in the building in which such death has happened shall, when required by the Registrar, give information according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, of the several particulars thereby required for registry touching the death of such person."

Mr. Thanu Pillay seconded the motion.

Carried,

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved again that the following section be also added :—

" 54. Every person who conducts or performs the funeral ceremonies of any person who has died within the Town shall, whenever required, furnish to the Registrar such information as he possesses as to the several particulars."

Mr. Rama Iyer seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao further moved to add the following section.

" 55. In the case of persons born or dying in any hospital, it shall be the duty of the Medical Officer in charge forthwith to send a notice in writing to the Committee, of the occurrence of any birth or death in the hospital under his charge—Such notice shall be in the said form (A) in the case of a birth and in the said form (B) in the case of a death."

Mr. Watts seconded the motion.

Carried.

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Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao moved that the section given below be also added :—

" 56. If any person whose duty it is to give information of births and deaths under the preceding sections wilfully neglects or refuses to give such information or gives false information, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees."

Mr. Thanu Pillay seconded the motion.

Carried.

He again moved to add the following :—

" 57. It shall be the duty of all Police officers to give immediate information to the Committee or to their officers of any offence committed contrary to the provisions of this Regulation and to help them in giving effect to the provisions of this Regulation."

Mr. Madhavan Tampi secondod the motion.

Carried.

He moved also that the following be added :—

" 58. Any Police officer may arrest any person committing in his view any offence against any of the provisions of this Regulation, if the name and address of such person be unkown to him and if such person decline to give his name and address or if the Police officer shall have reason to doubt the accuracy of such name and address if given, such person may, subject to the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, be detained at the Station-house until his name and address shall be correctly ascertained."

Mr. Watts seconded the motion.

Carried.

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